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SUBJ: SLADE VISIT TO EC COMMISSION

1. DAVID SLADE, DEPUTY MANAGER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, DOE, MET ON FEB. 24 WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS PHILIPPE BOURDEAU AND ROBERTO FANTECHI OF DG-XII (RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION) TO DISCUSS THE GLOBAL CO-2 PROBLEM. SLADE HAD JUST COME FROM AN IASSA CONFERENCE ON THE SUBJECT WHERE THE GENERAL SCIENTIFIC OPINION WAS THAT THE DOCUMENTED INCREASE IN CO-2 CONCENTRATION, IF UNCHECKED, WOULD HAVE UNPRECEDENTED EFFECTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE. SLADE THEN REVIEWED US EFFORTS TO DATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROGRAM. HE SAID A PRELIMINARY PROGRAM WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

2. BOURDEAU EXPRESSED THE EC COMMISSION'S INTEREST IN FURTHER CO-2 RESEARCH, CITING NEW REQUESTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT BUDGET FOR BOTH CO-2 AND CLIMATOLOGY RESEARCH. THE COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS WERE PRESENTLY SMALL SCALE, BUT BOURDEAU SAID THEY HOPED TO FIND POSSIBLE MEANS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RESEARCH COORDINATION ON BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND INTRA-COMMUNITY SCALE. SLADE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO FOCAL POINT FOR OVERALL INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION AT THIS TIME, AND REVIEWED THE POTENTIAL FORUMS (WHO, UNEP, OECD, SCOPE, AND IASSA). BOURDEAU SUGGESTED AN INFORMAL US/EC MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE MEANS OF BILATERAL COORDINATION. SLADE SAID HE MIGHT LIKE TO INCLUDE OTHER

GOVERNMENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (WHO, UNEP)
BUT WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS IT WITH OTHER USG AGENCIES
FIRST.

3. THE WEEK OF MAY 22 WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED ON FOR A
MEETING IN WASHINGTON. BOURDEAU INDICATED THAT TWO OR
THREE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND. HINTON

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